

City of Eau Claire Advisory Commission on Sustainability (ACS)
Annual Work Plan July 2015 - June 2016 (Approved 7-21-15, & Updated 1-19-16)

Project (Eco-Municipality/The Natural Step)*			Policy Ref.	Previous Work	Updates
1	Develop sustainable bag reduction/reuse/ recycling educational campaign and make any necessary recommendations to City Council.	(1,2, 3,4)	Sustainability Chp. P. 15	Sustainable Bag Committee, Nov. 2013 Report, Ext. Request Denied. Worked with UWEC on a draft community reuse bag design.	Education Phase resolution passed, but decided to hold. Now pursuing help from UWEC Art Dept. to do a fuller edu. campaign.
2	Encourage water efficiency and conservation programs.	(1,3, 4)	Sustainability Chp. P. 10, Green Tier Legacy Water Conservation	Council researched a conservation rate in 2013. Not approved. Water quality decals placed by UWEC students. EPA LOS to UWEC for RainWorks Challenge. Not awarded to UWEC.	Edu. tips added to City website. ACS approved resolution on new conservation rate for 2019 rate case and a 10% water lost goal. Pending council consideration after a joint work session.
3	Increase awareness/support for community/ affordable solar. Continue to leverage partnership with the EPA, NREL, and DNR concerning Sky Park Landfill solar feasibility.	(1,3, 4)	Sustainability Chp. P. 5	NREL Feasibility study updated, drafted 2 Community solar surveys (not used since Xcel Energy did a survey in March 2015)	EC Energy Coop's 872kw+ array built. Xcel Energy's is creating a community solar program. PSC decision on a \$14 fixed electric rate increase.
4	SunShot/Grow Solar Grant Assistance (PV Solar training, solar access ordinance, solar financing solutions)	(1,3, 4)	Sustainability Chp. P. 5	Electrical inspector received PV training, planner received solar ordinance training. Worked with MREA & grant partners on solar financing and ordinance standards.	Joint mtg. with GTLC & MREA to deploy trainings on 8/31/15. Solar ordinance passed and waiting for Plan Commission and City Council review next. Creating a public manual for solar options.
5	Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) pilot program consideration	(1,3, 4)	Sustainability Chp. P. 4, Green Tier Legacy Communities Community Energy Use	PACE Info mtg. held 4-15 for stakeholders. WI Energy Conservation Corp. (WECC) provided background.	Developing a fact sheet, model ordinance created and county now considering. Staff reaching out to stakeholders.
6	Sustainability Recognition Awards	(1,2, 3,4)	None but ACS Ord. encourages community promotion	ACS reviewed various programs. Model off St. Paul, MN. Application and criteria list developed.	Program launched. Applications due March 4th. Awards Ceremony, Earth Day 2016.
7	Assist on Public Market & Local Food Systems Planning	(3, 4)	Health Chp. Ps. 23-25, Sustainability Chp. P. 8	Submitted a USDA Grant in May for a public market feasibility study. USDA grant awarded.	Consultant selected, steering committee forming, first meeting on March 3rd.
8	Construction & demolition waste ordinance to reuse salvageable materials. (Continued work)	(1,2, 3,4)	Sustainability Chp. Ps. 15, 21, Green Tier Legacy Communities Waste Management & Reduction	Plan Commission researched in 2012. Work given to ACS once formed.	Parks Dept. urban wood waste reutilization going. Sought out stakeholder input. Considering next steps.
9	Create an inventory of polluted sites and monitor efforts for redevelopment opportunities (Continued work)	(1,2, 3,4)	Health Chp. P. 43, Green Tier Legacy Communities Zoning & Development	LOS for EPA grant Cannery Dist. Redvelop. & UWEC new arena & YMCA hazardous pollution assessment.	1st EPA grant not awarded. Seeking state DNR assistance for both sites and retrying a 2nd time with EPA. LOS provided again.
10	Explore the feasibility of undertaking a climate action plan	(1,2, 3,4)	Health Chp. P. 42, Sustainability Chp. P. 12	Paris COP21 treaty signed. Project added at 1-19-16 bi-annual review.	Researching other city plan, efforts, and costs
* The City, in Resolution 2009-232, adopted using the four system conditions of The Natural Step. To become a more sustainable society we must eliminate our contributions of...			1. Concentrations of detrimental substances extracted from the earth's crust, 2. Concentrations of toxic substances produced by society, 3. Degradation to nature by physical means, 4. Circumstances that undermine people's ability to meet their needs.		